

## COMING UP

**February 10th-17th:** GCSAA Exhibition and Convention – New Orleans, USA.

**February 11th:** STRI Welsh Seminar – 'The Environmental Impact of Golf Course Construction and Management' – Caer Beris Manor, Bulth Wells.

**March 11th:** British Institute of Golf Course Architects Seminar, 'The Positive Face of Golf Development', Institute of Engineers, London.

**March 24th-26th:** RECMAN (Sports Council) Conference and Exhibition – National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham.

**March 26th-29th:** Golf Asia '92 – World Trade Centre, Singapore.

**March 27th-29th:** BIGGA National Education Conference – Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester.

**April 8th:** BIGGA Annual General Meeting, Royal York Hotel, York. Commencing 2.30pm.

**April 23rd-26th:** The World of Golf, Olympia, London.

**April 29th:** BIGGA South West and Wales Region Trade Show WESTURF '92 – Long Ashton GC, Bristol.

**June 3rd-4th:** Landscape Industries '92. Trade Show – National Agricultural Centre, Stoneleigh, Warwickshire.

**July 16th-19th:** The Open Championship – Muirfield, Scotland.

**August 10th-12th:** BIGGA National Golf Tournament – Littlestone GC, Kent.

# AROUND THE GREEN

Keeping in touch with news and comment from the regions

● Will section reporters please note that final copy date for inclusion of *Around The Green* material in the April issue is March 1st.

## KENT

December 12th saw our annual Turkey Trot played at Ashford GC, and despite this taking place in the middle of a very cold spell – frozen ground et al – we were very lucky to find a pleasant, clear day. The course was in excellent shape, especially the fairways, and our thanks again go to Willie McConville and his staff. Once again the catering staff did us proud with a superb Christmas dinner and we are thankful that Ashford GC, undoubtedly fine hosts, are prepared to have us visit them on a regular basis.

First pick of the prizes went to Peter Gee with 41 points, followed by David Wood with 39 and Peter Biscoe with 38. It was nice to see some new faces participating and I hope we will see them again in other events later in the year. The trade prize was won by one of these 'new boys' – Chris Dale of Haynes – with 44 points. I can assure Chris it will be the last time he plays off a 24 handicap! Thanks also to the many trade members who supported us and provided raffle prizes, especially Mike Lincoln-Smith who brought the Ransomes Goblet, also won by Peter Gee.

Some members may have noticed that we held a 'vegetarian' Turkey Trot this time – no turkey

appearing on the prize table. I understand one was sent, but it was unable to read directions, its main problem apparently stemmed from disorientation after crossing the new Dartford Bridge and in receiving little help when asking the way. Running round the toll-booths emitting gobble, gobble noises only seemed to annoy people and when it eventually found the M20 and got through the road works, it finally got lost in the fog!

Following our dinner and prizegiving we held our AGM, which must have been the fastest in BIGGA history, for those assembled (representing only about one third of our membership) had very little to query. The committee remains the same as last year, seemingly no volunteers coming forward for election. However, this year the role of secretary and 'main man' has been filled by David Wood of Holtye. As some of you already know, John Millen has taken on greater responsibilities with the Joint Golf Course Committee, his Board of Management work and his new Weald of Kent course (which will open in the spring) and this will consume much of his time. Our thanks to him for his skill and devotion in handling the majority of our section affairs over several years. During the meeting, David Wood gave a brief summary of our activities in 1991 and reminded us of the events planned for 1992. If you need to contact him, his number (evenings) is 0342 850875.



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